

UUCS Humanist Group

The UUCS Humanists are a group of individuals who consider themselves humanists and/or atheists, agnostics, freethinkers, non-religious, deists or seekers. We meet the third Wednesday of the month to discuss important ideas and issues. Our meetings are open to all people, and we welcome hearing differing points of view. The most widely accepted principles of Humanism are as follows:

Humanists generally regard all forms of the supernatural as myth. We believe that Nature is the ultimate reality and exists independent of any supreme mind or being.

Humanists believe that man is the product of a natural evolutionary process and that the mind is an indivisible part of his body and as such will have no conscious survival after death.

Humanists believe that humans have the power to solve their own problems. We believe that these problems will more effectively be solved through the use of reason and the scientific method.

Humanists generally believe that the highest degree of personal happiness can be experienced in this life through a combination of personal achievement and charitable works. The balance of these is an individually defined ratio.

Humanist social ideals place an emphasis on justice and fairness with each other, in our communities, states, nations and in the global sphere. We attempt to rise above discrimination based on race, religion, gender, nationality, creed, class, sexual orientation, or ethnicity and try to work together with others to create a better world.

Humanists believe this is our only life. Therefore we want to protect our environment and preserve it for future generations so others may enjoy its beauty.

Humanists believe in questioning all basic assumptions and convictions, including its own. We are a developing philosophy ever open to experimental testing, newly discovered facts, and more rigorous reasoning.

Our meetings, usually on the third Wednesday of each month, are informative with plenty of time for a comprehensive discussion. Past subjects include "A modern set of 14 Commandments by Richard Dawkins," Thoughts on Christmas, New Books by Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, Sam Harris and Daniel Dennett, the history and thinking of famous Humanists such as Mark Twain, John Dewey, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Ernestine Rose and Albert Einstein.

Debates on "Reincarnation," "Evolution vs. Intelligent Design," "Global Warming," and "Church-State Separation" have been timely and interesting.

The best way to understand Humanism is to come to one of our meetings. New people usually come each month. You can review comments on our blog by clicking on the Humanist Blog link on the church website.